

**CONLEY, NOT
FRANK,
KILLED PHAGAN
GIRL,
SAYS W. M.
SMITH**

Negro's Lawyer
Declares He

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Evidence to

Support His New
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to Case

NEGRO SWEEPER DID
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Conley, in Chain Gang,
Ex-

presses Complete
Surprise

ment Made by His Counsel

"I am convinced James Conley is the murderer of Mary Phagan," declared William M. Smith, counsel for the negro, who worked in consistent harmony with Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey during the various phases of the case against Leo M. Frank.

Mr. Smith states he has additional evidence to support his new opinion but declares this is not the appropriate time for the publication of that evidence.

The declaration of the attorney for Conley, Frank's accuser at the trial and the man whose testimony formed the nucleus of the State's case against Frank, is proving a sensation. When M. Smith's statement that he believed Frank innocent was first published, it was generally believed the attorney would produce a confession from his client.

However, Mr. Smith emphatically declares Conley has made no confession and so far as he (Smith) knows, this negro still clings to the story he told on the witness stand, when he declared Frank called him and asked assistance in disposing of the body of the slain factory girl.